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TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN EMIGRATION POLICIES

LIMDIS

REF: STATE 174097

1. BULGARIAN REGIME DENIES NUMBER OF ITS CITIZENS  
RIGHT TO EMIGRATE OR INDEED LEAVE COUNTRY FOR ANY  
PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH EMB UNAWARE ANY OPPRESSIVE EMIGRA-  
TION TAXATION SYSTEM, DENIAL OF EXIT IS FULLY EFFECTIVE  
THROUGH ADMINISTRATION PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA ISSUANCE  
POLICIES. WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE PERTINENT LEGAL  
REFERENCES ( IF SUCH EXIST IN PUBLIC DOMAIN FOLLOWING  
RESEARCH.

2. EMB VISA AND PASSPORT RECORDS REVEAL ABOUT 25  
INSTANCES IN WHICH EXIT PERMISSION DENIED.

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OF THESE LONG PENDING AND HENCE INTEREST FACTORS  
MAY HAVE CHANGED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE CONFIDENT  
THAT THERE ARE MANY EXIT DENIAL CASES OF WHICH WE ARE  
NOT AWARE. IN MOST CASES, AUTHORITIES GIVE NO REASON  
FOR DENYING EXIT PERMISSION.

3. OFFICIAL GOB STATISTICS FOR 1970 ( LATEST YEAR  
AVAILABLE) SHOW 11,031 EMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA, ALL  
DESCRIBED AS ETHNIC TURKS EXCEPT FOR 6 ARMENIANS, 5 JEWS,  
2 BULGARIANS AND 8 MISCELLANEOUS OTHERS. WE SUSPECT THESE  
FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE "DEFECTORS" OR ILLEGAL EMIGRANTS.  
OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR 1969 AND 1970/ YEAR- END POPULATION  
AND FOR NATURAL INCREASE DURING 1970 CONFIRM  
OUT- MIGRATION IN 1970 EXCEEDED IN- MIGRATION BY ABOUT  
11,050 PERSONS.

4. EMB ISSUED 8 IMMIGRANT VISAS IN CALENDAR YEAR 1970,  
ALL UNDER BULGARIAN QUOTA.  
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